

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE

An Ordinance Repealing Section 26-269 of the Code of Ordinances and to Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto

DATE

5/12/2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

CAO

COUNCIL DISTRICT

N/A

SPONSOR

No Sponsor

PURPOSE

To repeal the 2019 legislation which mandated that the City adopt in toto the State Procurement Code for all of its purchasing activities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2019, the Council approved legislation which, among other things, mandated that the City adopt in toto the Louisiana State Procurement Code as a part of managing its procurement activities. Experience since then has shown that the State Code is not particularly useful as a guide for our purchasing efforts. It is lengthy and complex, deals with many situations we never encounter and is cumbersome to keep current. As an example, there is an amendment proposed in this year's Legislative session that runs 26 pages. The Council already has adopted legislation that requires changes to the City's Purchasing Rules and Regulations to be approved by resolution. The Rules and Regulations contain sufficient detail to allow them to be used as the City's guide for procurement, while the State Bid Law sets threshold levels where very specific methods must be used to obtain commodities and execute public works contracts of a certain size. Repealing this requirement would eliminate an unnecessary extra step in procurement compliance.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: 05/13/2025
Final Passage: 06/10/2025

ATTACHMENTS

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

None

FINANCES

\$ N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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